Redressal of pensioners' Grievances

945. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public grievances on settlement of pension benefits are appearing in the media frequently;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to them and any steps taken to redress the grievances of the pensioners in timely setllement of pension benefits; and

(c) the number of cases that have come to the notice of Government on this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) A large number of grievances on settlement of pension cases are received in the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare from various sources and all efforts are made to facilitate settlement of the cases by taking up the matters with the respective Ministries/Departments who are responsible for payment of pension including its revision. The Department of Pension also initiates action on media reports whereever this involves policy/administrative action. As regards individual pensioners' grievances, this Department as the nodal department has directed the Ministries/Departments to set up monitoring mechanism to watch the receipt and disposal of pension cases and is reviewing the pendency with the Ministries/Departments on a continuing basis.

Saving of Funds by Enhancing the Retirement Age of Government Employees

946. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment was made in regard to the saving of funds on retirement before taking a decision for raising the retirement age of Government employees to 60 years;